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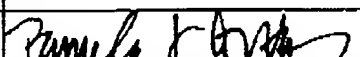
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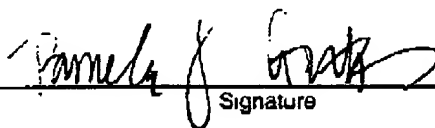
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The *Office Action*, Paper No. 9, from Examiner Thanh Duong of Art Unit 3711, dated 1 July 2003, has been received and carefully reviewed. In response thereto, Applicant clarifies the patentable distinctions between the cited prior art and the present invention, and respectfully submits that the cited reference neither teaches nor suggests the present invention as contemplated in the Claims.